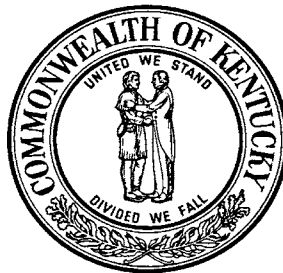


**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
OHIO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2001 TAXES**

June 13, 2002



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE
OHIO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2001 TAXES

June 13, 2002

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the Sheriff's Settlement - 2001 Taxes for Ohio County Sheriff as of June 13, 2002. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

Financial Condition:

The Sheriff collected taxes of \$4,687,157 for the districts for 2001 taxes, retaining commissions of \$128,133 to operate the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff distributed taxes of \$4,554,140 to the districts for 2001 Taxes. Taxes of \$68 are due to the districts from the Sheriff and refunds of \$104 are due to the Sheriff from the taxing districts.

Deposits:

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Ohio County Sheriff's Settlement - 2001 Taxes as of June 13, 2002. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Ohio County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Ohio County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid as of June 13, 2002, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.



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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 28, 2003, on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.
Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed -
February 28, 2003

OHIO COUNTY
ELVIS DOOLIN, COUNTY SHERIFF
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2001 TAXES

June 13, 2002

<u>Charges</u>	<u>County Taxes</u>	<u>Special Taxing Districts</u>	<u>School Taxes</u>	<u>State Taxes</u>
Real Estate	\$ 360,635	\$ 541,619	\$ 2,028,572	\$ 681,199
Tangible Personal Property	30,453	52,744	171,300	161,545
Intangible				30,846
Fire Protection	6,480			
Taxes Increased Through				
Erroneous Assessments	29	44	165	55
Franchise Corporation	95,775	148,800	537,812	
Distilled Spirits Taxes				
Additional Billings	7	11	41	14
Omitted Unmined Coal - 2001 Taxes	62	93	351	118
Unmined Coal - 2001 Taxes	5,610	8,337	31,555	10,596
Oil and Gas Property Taxes	1,707	2,537	9,603	3,225
Limestone, Sand, and Mineral Reserves	234	348	1,318	443
Bank Franchises	52,894			
Penalties	3,569	5,336	19,874	6,885
Adjusted to Sheriff's Receipt	(2)	39	20	(2)
Gross Chargeable to Sheriff	<u>\$ 557,453</u>	<u>\$ 759,908</u>	<u>\$ 2,800,611</u>	<u>\$ 894,924</u>
<u>Credits</u>				
Exonerations	\$ 3,242	\$ 4,896	\$ 18,211	\$ 6,815
Discounts	6,216	7,710	28,487	11,700
Delinquents:				
Real Estate	11,329	16,860	63,177	21,215
Tangible Personal Property	258	447	1,451	832
Intangible Personal Property				11
Uncollected Franchise	14,958	23,926	83,998	
Total Credits	<u>\$ 36,003</u>	<u>\$ 53,839</u>	<u>\$ 195,324</u>	<u>\$ 40,573</u>
Taxes Collected	\$ 521,450	\$ 706,069	\$ 2,605,287	\$ 854,351
Less: Commissions *	22,449	30,008	39,079	36,597
Taxes Due	\$ 499,001	\$ 676,061	\$ 2,566,208	\$ 817,754
Taxes Paid	498,472	675,372	2,563,559	816,737
Refunds (Current and Prior Year)	486	719	2,722	993
Due Districts or (Refunds Due Sheriff)		**		
as of Completion of Fieldwork	<u>\$ 43</u>	<u>\$ (30)</u>	<u>\$ (73)</u>	<u>\$ 24</u>

* And ** See Page 4.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement.

OHIO COUNTY
ELVIS DOOLIN, COUNTY SHERIFF
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June 13, 2002
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* Commissions:

10% on	\$	10,000
4.25% on	\$	2,071,873
1.5% on	\$	2,605,287

** Special Taxing Districts:

Library District	\$	(17)
Health District		(9)
Extension District		(2)
Conservation District		(3)
Watershed District		<u>1</u>
Due District or (Refunds Due Sheriff)	\$	<u><u>(30)</u></u>

OHIO COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 13, 2002

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

The Sheriff's office tax collection duties are limited to acting as an agent for assessed property owners and taxing districts. A fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of taxes. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting. Basis of accounting refers to when charges, credits, and taxes paid are reported in the settlement statement. It relates to the timing of measurements regardless of the measurement focus.

Charges are sources of revenue which are recognized in the tax period in which they become available and measurable. Credits are reductions of revenue which are recognized when there is proper authorization. Taxes paid are uses of revenue which are recognized when distributions are made to the taxing districts and others.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of June 13, 2002, the Sheriff's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the Sheriff's agent in the Sheriff's name, or provided surety bond which named the Sheriff as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

OHIO COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 13, 2002
(Continued)

Note 4. Tax Collection Period

A. Property Taxes

The real and personal property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2001. Property taxes were billed to finance governmental services for the year ended June 30, 2002. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was October 4, 2001 through April 30, 2002.

B. Unmined Coal Taxes

The tangible property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2001. Property taxes are billed to finance governmental services. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was December 17, 2001 through April 30, 2002.

Note 5. Interest Income

The Ohio County Sheriff earned \$5,281 as interest income on 2001 taxes. The Sheriff distributed \$2,809 to the school district as required by statute. As of February 28, 2003, the Sheriff owes \$82 in interest to the school district and \$32 in interest to his fee account.

Note 6. Sheriff's 10% Add-On Fee

The Ohio County Sheriff collected \$27,435 of 10% add-on fees allowed by KRS 134.430(3). This amount will be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

Note 7. Advertising Costs And Fees

The Ohio County Sheriff collected \$1,480 of advertising costs and \$5,910 of advertising fees allowed by KRS 424.330(1) and KRS 134.440(2). The Sheriff distributed the advertising costs to the county as required by statute, and the advertising fees will be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
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**Report On Compliance And On Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

We have audited the Ohio County Sheriff's Settlement - 2001 Taxes as of June 13, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated February 28, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Ohio County Sheriff's Settlement - 2001 Taxes as of June 13, 2002 is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Ohio County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.



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Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards
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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

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